IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amendments to the claims.

- (currently amended) A <u>copper polish</u> slurry, comprising a mixture of:

 a surfactant containing an alkyltrimethylammonium cation; a chelating buffer system;

 an abrasive <u>comprising silica</u>; an oxidizer; and a corrosion inhibitor; wherein the slurry has a pH between 2.5 and 7.0.
- 2. (original) The slurry of Claim 1, wherein the surfactant comprises cetyltrimethylammonium bromide dissolved in the mixture.
- 3. (original) The slurry of Claim 1, wherein the surfactant comprises cetyltrimethylammonium cations and halogen anions.
- 4. (currently amended) The slurry of Claim 3, wherein [the abrasive comprises silica,] the corrosion inhibitor comprises benzotriazole, and the oxidizer comprises hydrogen peroxide dissolved in the mixture.
- 5. (original) The slurry of Claim 1, wherein the chelating buffer system comprises ammonium bicitrate and potassium citrate dissolved in the mixture.

- 6. (original) The slurry of Claim 1, wherein the chelating buffer system is selected from the group consisting of citric acid/potassium citrate, and ammonium bicitrate/potassium citrate.
- 7. (original) The slurry of Claim 1, wherein the corrosion inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole and cetyltrimethylammonium bromide.
- 8. (original) The slurry of Claim 1, wherein the surfactant comprises between 0.003M and 0.075M cetyltrimethylammonium bromide in the mixture.
- 9. (original) The slurry of Claim 1, wherein the surfactant comprises cetyltrimethylammonium hydroxide dissolved in the mixture.
- 10. (original) The slurry of Claim 1, wherein the surfactant comprises both cetyltrimethylammonium hydroxide and cetyltrimethylammonium bromide dissolved in the mixture.
- 11. (currently amended) A copper polish slurry, comprising in combination: water, a surfactant containing a alkyltrimethylammonium cation, a chelating buffer system, an abrasive comprising silica, an oxidizer, and a corrosion inhibitor, wherein the slurry has a pH between 2.5 and 7.0.
- 12. (currently amended) The slurry of Claim 11, wherein the abrasive compris[es]ing silica has [having] a surface area of 500 m²/g.

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- 13. (original) The slurry of Claim 12, wherein the corrosion inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole and cetyltrimethylammonium bromide.
- 14. (previously amended) The slurry of Claim 11, wherein the corrosion inhibitor is benzotriazole and the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of cetyltrimethylammonium bromide and cetyltrimethylammonium hydroxide.
- 15. (previously amended) The slurry of Claim 11, wherein the slurry has a density of 1.03 g/ml.
- 16. (original) The slurry of Claim 11, wherein the oxidizer comprises hydrogen peroxide; and the chelating buffer system comprises citric acid and potassium citrate.